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CPUC PROPOSALS DENY SCE AND SDG&E COST RECOVERY FOR SAN ONOFRE-RELATED POWER PURCHASES

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23, 2013 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today will issue two proposals for Commissioner consideration regarding the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station that would deny reimbursement to Southern California Edison (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) for power purchase costs incurred due to the non-operation of San Onofre.

San Onofre Units 2 and 3 were temporarily shut down in January 2012, and were permanently closed on June 7, 2013. The CPUC has an open investigation into the unanticipated outage, which includes evaluating whether to remove all costs related to San Onofre from the rates of SCE and SDG&E going forward, and whether to refund San Onofre-related costs already collected in rates back to January 1, 2012.

“I want to assure customers that they will not pay twice for the costs associated with the outage of San Onofre while the CPUC investigation comes to its conclusion. This is a question of fundamental fairness to customers,” said CPUC Commissioner Mike Florio. “We expect SCE and SDG&E to continue to procure energy to meet customer needs and according to our long-term plans and renewable energy goals.”

If approved, the Proposed Decisions would withhold costs for power procurement above and beyond the normal operations of San Onofre from SCE’s and SDG&E’s rates today, and order the utilities to track those costs separately. The withholding will continue until the CPUC resolves the San Onofre investigation.



While SCE's and SDG&E's rates will rise to cover standard procurement costs in 2013, the CPUC's proposed withholding will keep the increases lower than they otherwise would have been. For SCE's rates, the increase is estimated to be approximately \$200 million, which is about 0.2 cents/kWh. For SDG&E's rates, the increase is estimated at approximately \$118 million, which is about 0.5 cents/kWh.

The Proposed Decisions are on the agenda of the CPUC's October 31, 2013, Voting Meeting and will be available by 5 p.m. today at:

www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/hottopics/1Energy/September_2013_SCE_and_SDGE_ERRA.htm.

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